

REMARKS

The application now comprises claims 62-67, 123-128, 130-134, 136 and 137.

The Specification was objected to because of informalities on pages 20, 31, and 36. These typographical errors have been corrected by submission of corrected paragraphs. The examiner indicated that a proposed amendment to the Specification submitted on Nov. 18, 2002 has not been entered because of an error in indicating the location for insertion of same. That proposed amendment is herein resubmitted. The specification has been amended at page 36 to conform the specification and drawings to said originally filed claims. New Fig 17 was previously added to conform to those claims and the specification was previously amended at page 20 to reference the added drawing. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the specification do not constitute new matter as they are fully supported by the application as originally filed.

Claims 123 and 128 were objected to as containing informalities. Claim 123 has been amended to correct the spelling error. Claims 124 and 128 were objected to because the claims are identical. It is note that Claim 124 was incorrectly transcribed in the amendment of October 1, 2002. Claim 124 has been amended so that it is substantially the same as originally filed on April 17, 2002. Claims 124 as amended clearly sets forth that the vehicle for delivery is not part of the claimed first security system.

Claims 62-67, 123-128, 130-134, 136 and 137 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in that it is unclear if the cash cassette security system and transportation means in claim 62, the container in claim 123 and the second security system in claims 123 and 137 are positively claimed. Also claim 137 does not end with a period. Claims 62 and 137 have been amended to eliminate these objections. It is respectfully submitted that claims 123 and 137 do particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Claim 123 is directed to a first security system for safeguarding a container, such as a cash cassette being transported to and delivered to a second security system, such as within an ATM, which includes spoiling means, locking means, control means and communication means. The first security means locks on to the container, communicates with the second security means, assures proper delivery to the second security means, and spoils the container contents if tampering of the container occurs or the delivery is hampered. The container, the second security means and the vehicle used to transport the cassette are not part of the first

security means. Likewise, in claim 137, the second security system is not part of the first security system; it is a separate system intended to receive the container temporarily connected to the first security system.

Claims 62-67, 123, 128, 130-134, 136 and 137 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Cassidy et al, US Patent 5,615,625, in that Cassidy teaches a security system for a lockable container for bank notes including a spoiling system that monitors the container during transport between a first and second location including a temperature sensor to detect tampering to activate the spoiling means.

Cassidy does not anticipate the claimed invention.

During the delivery of cash to the ATM the cash cassette is placed in a portable security container, namely the "transportation means" in applicant's claim 62. The cash cassette is protected during delivery by "a security system of the transportation means". The present invention addresses the hand over between the security device in the ATM and the "security system of the transportation means". The cash cassette is not released to the ATM until the ATM has confirmed that the ATM based security system is functioning correctly to protect the cassette.

Comparing Cassidy with the present invention, Cassidy does not teach that the Cassidy security container 20 withholds its contents in the event that a delivery path, transportation means or docking station has been tampered with or the spoiling means has been released. It also does not describe any automatic communication between the security container and the docking station 18 when the container is inserted into the docking station, see column 3, lines 10 to 15, and column 4 lines 6 to 13. Instead, Cassidy requires that a code be transmitted to the receiving site and manually entered via a PC associated with the docking station in order to cause the docking station to unlock the container. Specifically, Cassidy does not disclose or suggest that the container has knowledge of the security code needed to prompt the docking station into opening the container. The code must merely correspond to the code transmitted to the depot station from the deposit station via modems 14. Therefore there is no explicit communication between the docking station and the container to check the security status of the container, or, in particular, the security status of the spoiling ink delivery. Instead, the docking station must instruct the security container to switch off its security means. Cassidy does not teach that the container can refuse to disable its security

invention over Cassidy et al. and are hereby reasserted. Boutroy does not provide applicant's teachings which are missing from Cassidy and if added to Cassidy would still not render obvious applicants claimed invention. In particular, Boutroy does not disclose or suggest the automatic handover responsibility included in applicant's claimed invention or the ability of applicant's claimed device to refuse to relinquish responsibility to the receiving security system if that receiving system has been tampered with or is not the intended recipient.

Claims 62-67,123-128, 130-134, 136 and 137 remain in the application. It is respectively submitted that these claims are patentable, fully supported by the Specification and not shown by the prior art. Further, it is asserted that the present amendment renders the claims allowable or in better form for appeal and therefore this amendment should be entered. It is requested that the claims be found to be patentable and a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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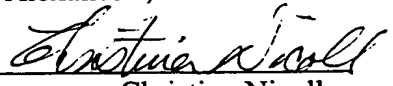
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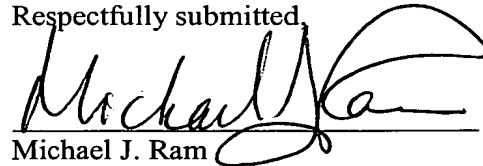
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